

## THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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### OUT OF THE FARM.

The urban conception of the farm in winter is one of snug comfort and drowsy ease, its external appearance showing, as in the familiar pictorial ideal of a snow-bound farmhouse, with a shoveled path leading through a gate to a radiant window, through which one peers in fancy and discerns a happy family clustered round a lamp, says the Philadelphia Press. The idea is that the farmer has little or nothing to do in the daytime but sit inside his home and feed the stock; the wife knits; the children go to school. It is a charming picture, not always true to life. There is no time in the year when there is cessation from toil on a farm. It is different in winter; that is all. The days are shorter; the work rougher. Of course, much depends upon the character of the farm; considerable leisure is possible where few cattle are kept and general trucking done. But always there are the "chores." A remarkably elastic expression that—"doing chores." It may mean much or little. Some dairy farmers, for instance, whose serious business in life is milking cows, may potter around the farm after the morning's milking and taking the morning's milk to the creamery or railroad station, eat their noon dinners, mend some fence, look over the harness or haul out manure, potter around some more, and then say: "Guess it's about time to do the chores," meaning to milk two dozen cows or so—the real hard work of the day.

Following Chicago's school for policemen comes New York's school for firemen. It will open, according to the announcement of the city's fire commissioner, immediately after the new year. All present employees of the department, as well as all new hands, will be required to attend, and only "graduates" of this "fire college" will be eligible for places on the force. Some fifteen subjects, embracing everything appertaining to the work, will be included in the curriculum, says the Chicago Record-Herald. As the automobile has become an important part of the up-to-date fire equipment, the management of the gasoline motor car will be taught. And as casualties tend to increase in number and in seriousness, there will be instruction in first aid to the injured. A comprehensive course for the benefit of the fire fighter seems as advantageous as one for that of the patrolman. An exchange of views and experiences between New York and Chicago might result in gains for both cities and both services.

Protection of birds which do beneficial service to men is coming to be more than a matter for state action. Representative Weeks of Massachusetts, a state which realizes the mischief involved in the destruction of the insect-eating birds, has introduced in congress a bill making it a misdemeanor, punishable by 60 days' imprisonment or \$200 fine, to kill or harm coveys or single specimens of birds on their migratory flight from south to north. The list of birds which it is designed to guard includes geese, ducks, pigeons, swans, snipe, doves, robins, bluebirds and various kinds of waterfowl. These are friends of man or valuable game-birds, and as the whole country is interested in their preservation it seems to be in order for congress to take action.

School girls in Atlantic City are rebelling against an edict of the domestic science authorities that they must learn to make hash. They are afraid proficiency in this art may lose them the hearts of admirers who know hash only through the boarding houses they have met. The girls openly aver they hate to lose the homes they may make happy by "feeding the brutes" if the said "brutes" learn beforehand that prospective wives have been encouraged to put hash on the daily menu.

A New Jerseyite boarder, not liking his dinner, attacked his landlady, choking her. Other boarders interested in this summary protest will be disappointed to learn that the accounts said nothing about his choking her into submission.

A Kansas man hugged his wife so hard that he broke two of her ribs. Some men never seem to learn that there's such a thing as overdoing a good thing.

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I have a recipe for these troubles that you can depend on, and if you want to make a QUICK RECOVERY, you ought to write and get a copy of it. Many a doctor would charge you \$3.50 just for writing this prescription, but I have it and will be glad to send it to you entirely free. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, K-288 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send it by return mail in a plain envelope. As you will see when you get it, this recipe contains only pure, harmless remedies, but it has great healing and pain-conquering power. It will quickly show its power once you use it, so I think you had better see what it is without delay. I will send you a copy free—you can use it and cure yourself at home.

### Uncle Joe's Check.

Col. Henry Casson, sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives, has the original check given by Speaker Joseph G. Cannon a few years ago to a book agent, and about which an interesting story has been told.

An agent visited the speaker and interested him in an elaborate edition of something which Uncle Joe didn't want, but bought. When the books arrived Uncle Joe examined them and decided at once that something had been put over on him. When the agent came for his money the speaker determined to make him indorse a terse sentiment on books, so he wrote out a check for \$73, the amount due, and on the back of it he inscribed:

"Pay to the order of Mr. Blank, in full payment for an edition which was not worth a d—, and dear at that price, but for the ease and grace with which he put it over your Uncle Joe it was well worth the money."—Human Life.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

### Critics.

"Only competent critics can give competent criticisms," said Admiral Mahan, at the Immortals' recent reception in New York. "The ignobler the critic the ignobler the criticism—even of the very finest things—that he will pronounce."

"A man in a bar was praising a famous American journalist, a justly famous journalist, a journalist who gets out a really fine paper."

"Yes," the bartender, agreed, "his paper is a good one. It picked two winners last week."

### Is Mennonite Minister.

Miss Anna J. Allebach is the first woman to be elected a minister of the Mennonite church in this country, although there are two women in Holland acting in that capacity. She is president of the New York University

### Climatic Conversation.

"The weather is always a convenient topic of conversation."

"I don't think so. You are so often compelled to think twice in order to select polite phraseology."

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

The ocean is crossed in love—by a number of bridal parties.

Lewis' Single Binder gives the smoker a rich, mellow-tasting cigar.

Dwellers in glass houses should keep out of politics.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS

**The Cow and the Corn Crop.**  
Some day, not so very far in the future, either, some Missouri Cornub in telling less progressive states how the Missouri farmer became interested in scientific farming, will recall the part one cow—one Holstein cow—took in adding so many billions of kernels to the Missouri corn crop that the very figures will give you a headache. That cow is Chief Josephine, the pride of the Missouri Agricultural college. No, there's nothing remarkable about Chief Josephine so far as the inexperienced eye can tell. But that very valuable cow has a record of giving just five times as much milk as the average farm cow. And any cow that gives five times as much milk as the average cow is worth just five times as much to the farmer and then some. That's why, when the Educational Train of the Agricultural college of the University of Missouri passed through several central Missouri counties carrying the message of scientific farming to the farmer's back door, it was met by hundreds of farmers at every stop. The farmers, many of them at least, drove ten and 15 miles over bad roads to meet the train, to see Josephine. They stayed to hear of proper soil culture, crop rotation, corn growing, the scientific care of orchards. They drove back home with new ideas about farming—ideas which meant dollars and cents to them. "If the farmer can't come to the agricultural college, then carry the teachings of the college to the farmer." The schools of scientific farming adopted that Mahomet and the mountain policy toward the farmers of the middle west several years ago. It is becoming a more important factor in the education of a state every year because of the increasing interest and attendance of the farmers. As Prof. S. M. Jordan, "the Missouri corn man," said: "Missouri is waking up to progressive methods in farming as perhaps no other state has done."

### Eggs Filled With Bacteria.

City Chemist Kelling of St. Joseph says he will prosecute local packers for selling cold storage eggs that have become so aged as to be a menace. Careful examination from a consignment thrown upon the market shows about 5,000,000 bacteria to each egg, a few too many for health's sake. Prosecuting Attorney Ferrell joins the city chemist in the campaign for enforcing the Missouri pure food statute, and says he will issue warrants when offenses are discovered. An inspection of hotels, restaurants and groceries revealed heavy purchases of the proscribed eggs.

### Kansas City Theaters.

The Willis Wood has a double bill for the week beginning Sunday, March 5. May Robson in "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary" will be the attraction, the first four nights and Wednesday matinee, and will be followed the last three nights by George M. Cohan's new musical play, "The Man Who Owns Broadway."

Madame Kalich returns to the Shubert for a week's engagement commencing Monday, March 6. Madame Kalich is one of the most interesting and important artists now on the American stage. A remarkably strong company is supporting the star.

### Found Employment for 10,664.

Employment was furnished during the fiscal year, which ended September 30, 1910, to 10,664 men and women by the state free employment bureaus of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph.

### Two Dead in a Farmhouse Fire.

Charles Massey, 17, son of Samuel Massey, a farmer, 15 miles east of Lebanon, was burned to death when flames destroyed the family home. A brother, Harry Massey, 10 years old, died a few hours later from the effects of burns. Samuel Massey discovered the flames, which started from a defective flue. He carried out his wife, an infant son and the son Harry. Harry was re-entering the burning building in a vain attempt to save his brother just as the roof fell.

### Fruit Buds Still Safe.

"The unusually open winter, with zero weather in January, has not injured the Missouri fruit prospect, though some buds have been damaged. Only one bud in ten ever develops into fruitage anyway, so that with a few buds damaged more or less the crop is in no way endangered. These are some of the statements made by Prof. J. C. Whitten of the horticultural department of the University of Missouri and one of the leading members of the Missouri horticultural board.

## THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE

**BOTH HOUSES GRINDING AWAY AT LAW MAKING.**

**Bills Offered by the Different Members and What Is Done With Them.**

Jefferson City.—Senator Allee's bill providing for a special election to vote upon a bond issue of \$3,000,000 for the erection of a new state capital was sent to engrossment in the senate.

The senate engrossed the "home rule" bill for Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph, adopted by the Democratic caucus.

The senate passed the Carter bill empowering the state board of railroad commissioners to establish and enforce passenger rates on the basis of railroad earnings, which rates, however, shall not be in excess of the maximum rate now established by law.

Senator Busby of Carroll introduced a bill in the senate regulating the charges of agents in the matter of organizing domestic life insurance companies by limiting their charges to not exceeding 10 per cent of the capital stock.

The senate committee on constitutional amendments submitted a favorable report on Senator White's bill providing for submitting to the people a proposition to call a constitutional convention.

Jefferson City.—The senate passed Senator Humphrey's bill authorizing special road districts, upon a vote of two-thirds of the people, to vote bonds to the extent of 5 per cent of the assessed valuation.

The senate committee on appropriations reported favorably Senator Busby's bill to create a new waterways commission. The bill carries an appropriation of \$50,000 to be used for surveys and various other purposes looking to the improvement of the navigable rivers and protection against floods.

The house, after two hours of debate refused to engross the Boyd bill which would have repealed the game bill by leaving practically no revenue for its enforcement. The margin was narrow, the house voting 68 ayes and 67 noes.

By a party vote of 20 to 9 the senate passed the Democratic caucus, "home rule police bill."

The bill empowering the state board of railroad commissioners to establish and enforce switching rates passed the senate.

A trespass bill allowing prosecution of any person who crosses another's property without permission after he has been given a written notice to keep off, was engrossed.

Jefferson City.—A bill giving the railroad commissioners power to regulate express rates was engrossed. The author, Representative Hull of Platte, supported the committee amendment, which allow the commission to fix the percentage of the express charges which may go to the railroads. He explained that this was to prevent the alleged diversion of express earnings so that their books might not show a profit warranting a reduction in rates.

A real eight-hour bill was introduced by Representative Fear, which not only provides an eight-hour day, but also for the payment of union wages on public work.

The anti-screening bill of the prohibitionists was amended to allow window shades, and engrossed. The anti-treating bill was engrossed.

A bill requiring automobile drivers to "stop, look, listen," at railroad crossings and fining them \$100 or 30 days in jail for failing to do so, was introduced in the house.

The house engrossed a bill allowing counties to build roads within corporate city limits.

Jefferson City.—Senator Humphrey introduced a bill affecting dramshops. Under its provisions roadhouses would cease to exist. It prohibits county courts from issuing dramshop licenses to anyone to operate a saloon outside the corporate limits of some city or town.

Representative Fear of Jasper county introduced the workingmen's compensation bill in the house. It provides for those injured or killed through the neglect of an employer or his servants.

Other bill introduced were: Making it a misdemeanor to make a conveyance of real estate by a deed in which the name of the grantee does not appear.

Requiring manufacturers and sellers of tobacco, snuff, cigars and cigarettes to pay \$25 a year license.

Making it a felony to collect campaign assessments from brewers and saloon keepers.

Giving third class cities complete control of dramshop licenses in such cities.

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### A Religious Innovation.

A certain well-brought-up little girl yawned at the breakfast table last Sunday morning and ventured a polite proposition to her mother.

"I really don't feel at all like going to church this morning," she remarked. "Can't we just send cards?"

### One Happy Condition.

"Wireless is a wonderful thing, isn't it? It's going to take the place of everything—telegraph, telephone, thought transference—why, they even transmit newspaper photographs that way."

"Yes, but there's one thing they'll never do with wireless."

"What's that?"

"Wire-pulling."

### The Subtlety of Him.

"John, dear," said Mabel, as her lord and master entered the house, "I've just had a letter from mother, and she is coming to visit us. It is a pretty expensive trip for little Muddy, and I wondered if we couldn't help her out a little."

"Of course we can," said John, giving his wife a generous kiss. "Just you write and tell her that I'll be only too glad to pay for her railroad ticket back home again as soon as she decides to go."—Harper's Weekly.

### Nine or Ten Deposits.

"It is expensive to learn to fly," said Clifford Harmon at Mineola. "Your aeroplane costs more than \$5,000. You must pay a fee of \$500 for tuition, and you must deposit, too, about \$500 more for damages. All the damage you do to the machine you learn on must be paid for, and your deposit may easily be eaten up."

"I was talking one day at Nice to an English flyer."

"I learned to fly in a week," I said. "How long did it take you to learn?"

"Oh, nine or ten—"

"What?" I interrupted. "Not nine or ten weeks?"

"No, aeroplanes," said he."

### CHILDREN AFFECTED By Mother's Food and Drink.

Many babies have been launched into life with constitutions weakened by disease taken in with their mothers' milk. Mothers cannot be too careful as to the food they use while nursing their babes.

The experience of a Kansas City mother is a case in point:

"I was a great coffee drinker from a child, and thought I could not do without it. But I found at last it was doing me harm. For years I had been troubled with dizziness, spots before my eyes and pain in my heart, to which was added, two years later, a chronic sour stomach."

"The baby was born 7 months ago, and almost from the beginning, it, too, suffered from sour stomach. She was taking it from me!"

"In my distress I consulted a friend of more experience and she told me to quit coffee, that coffee did not make good milk. I have since ascertained that it really dries up the milk. "So, I quit coffee and tried tea and at last cocoa. But they did not agree with me. Then I turned to Postum with the happiest results. It proved to be the very thing I needed. It not only agreed perfectly with baby and myself, but it increased the flow of my milk."

"My husband then quit coffee and used Postum and quickly got well of the dyspepsia with which he had been troubled. I no longer suffer from the dizziness, blind spells, pain in my heart or sour stomach."

"Now we all drink Postum from my husband to my seven months' old baby. It has proved to be the best hot drink we have ever used. We would not give up Postum for the best coffee we ever drank." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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"There's a Reason."

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